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By the numbers

In 2013, MCPO disposed of the following cases:

Murder cases: 80

Major felony cases: 3,526

D felony cases: 10,508

Misdemeanor cases: 26,577

Traffic infractions: 150,000

(approximate)

Child support collections: \$103,100,000 (approximate)

To view the 2013 Report to the Community please visit: www.indy.gov/MCPO

A message from Prosecutor Terry Curry

The men and women of our office are justifiably proud of the professional work they do to serve the citizens of Marion County. An enormous amount of work is performed at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office beyond the headlines, and our 2013 Report to the Community is an effort to share some of those stories that reflect the successes realized every day. As with our reports from 2011 and 2012, I hope that you find this year's report informative about the services provided by our office.

In 2013, the office continued its aggressive and creative approach to the prosecution of today's criminals. Resources were restructured to combat the growth of specific criminal activity, such as gun violence, that impacts the quality of life in Marion County. The development of interagency collaboration and enhancement of the role of the Community Prosecution Division continues to be essential in our community's ability to proactively fight crime.

We took office in January 2011 with the pledge to restore trust and integrity to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, and I am proud of the progress our office has made in that critical mission. As we continue that mission with our public safety partners, I invite you to become involved and engaged in the important discussions and efforts to improve public safety in Marion County.

Supporting Guard and Reserve employees

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office has been recognized as a "Patriotic Employer" for supporting Deputy Prosecutor and CPT Ben Strahm who was deployed with the Indiana Army National Guard to Kuwait. Prosecutor Terry Curry and STRIKE Team supervisors were



presented with certificates of recognition by the U.S. Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for ensuring that the Guardsman's responsibilities were covered during his deployment and for providing a smooth transition back to civilian employment. MCPO is proud to employ and support four members of the Indiana Army National Guard or Reserves.

Officer David Moore Memorial Blood Drive

For the fourth year, a blood drive held in memory of fallen IMPD Officer David Moore is scheduled for Jan. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Platform (west wing of the City Market), 202 East Market St. The public is encouraged to volunteer blood donations at the event which is held in conjunction with the Indiana Blood Center.

Donors must be 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors who are unable to attend the City Market blood drive are encouraged to donate at any of Indiana Blood Center's nine locations throughout the state.



Please visit www.indianablood.org for more information.

Undercover auto theft operation

Five individuals accused of stealing vehicles out of Marion, Johnson, and Hendricks counties have been convicted and sentenced on related charges. Announced in June, the charges stemmed from a multi-agency undercover operation in which seven stolen vehicles were purchased by undercover officers from the defendants.

"The agencies and undercover officers as well as our deputy prosecutors involved in these cases should be commended for their work. This was a lengthy and dangerous investigation that exemplifies the positive results we can get from interagency cooperation," Prosecutor Curry said at the time of the arrests. "The perpetrators of these crimes have stolen more than vehicles, they have robbed residents and business owners of their sense of security."

Read more from the Dec. 19 press release at indy.gov/mcpo/news

Violent offender sentenced to 177 years



On December 30, Vincent Youhau Flame Smith, age 26, was sentenced on one count of burglary, one count of arson and one count of attempted murder after a jury returned a guilty verdict on all counts for burglarizing and intentionally setting fire to a home. During the course of the incident, Smith stabbed the resident and left the injured woman in the burning home. The woman was rescued by firefighters with second degree

burns, smoke inhalation and multiple stab wounds. Smith was convicted and sentenced on two prior occasions in 2012 and 2013 of crimes including rape, robbery, confinement, auto theft and criminal recklessness. His total sentence on all cases netted 177 years in the Department of Correction.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Free crime prevention programs

Offered by the Marion County Prosecutor's Community Prosecution Division

Schedule a presentation at: (317) 327-3522 or MCPO@indy.gov

Burglary and property crime prevention: Protecting your home and vehicle from crime.

Power Against Fraud presentation for seniors:

Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

Project CyberSafe:

Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

Choices Not Chances: Teaching youth the consequences of choices through scenarios involving gangs, bullying, and dating violence. Educators and parents can also access the presentation and scripts online at www.indy.gov/MCPO to use with classes or their family.

Gang education: Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

Other Services

Child Support Enforcement:

For assistance in the establishment, enforcement and modification of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

Adult Protective Services Hotline: Report endangered adults to (877) 284-0063.

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